

## Crowded Out of the Plutocratic Press.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—Persons with tolerably good memories, who are in the habit of following things to a conclusion, notice every day the extermination of matters that have been the occasion at some time of great excitement, outrageous falsehood and misrepresentation, with the vindication of parties that have been the victims of reckless abuse and fiendishly-malicious calamity. For instance, only a few days ago the courts of Colorado decided that Governor Waite was perfectly right in the removal of the police and fire commissioners at Denver, who very nearly brought on a local civil war by their defiance of his authority and determination to retain their places; their action being upheld and Governor Waite denounced in unmeasured terms by the plutocratic press throughout the country while the matter was fresh. At that time columns were given up to the exciting reports of the affair, and columns more to the editorial comment that seemed to be called for. The decision in Governor Waite's favor is disposed of with the briefest possible reference in the news dispatches, in the too well-founded hope that the greater part of the people will overlook entirely this conclusion of the matter, and retain the impression attempted to be conveyed in former reports, that Governor Waite was wholly in the wrong in this controversy.

So, too, of the reports of the Boston riots, of which much was made a few weeks ago. The statements that reached the general reader, in the newspapers of the day were, to a cool and rational mind, manifestly false, being grossly inconsistent in themselves, but it was very difficult to get at the actual facts, and the "society-savers" scrupled at nothing to cast odium on those taking part. In the last number of the Independent, Rev. Geo. E. Hooker, of the well-known institution in Boston known as Andover House, in an article on "The Unemployed in Boston," says:

In the line of agitation for public action, efforts have centered about a young man named Morrison I. Swift. Mr. Swift is perhaps thirty-five years of age, quiet in bearing, and possessed of a certain personal charm, winning in his manner before a conversational group, and very able before a promiscuous crowd. He is well educated, has traveled, and has dwelt much upon economic ills and their cures. He is a socialist of the extreme type. He advocates peaceful methods, but would not hesitate at radical measures, provided they promised success.

After calm and clear statements in relation to the character of Mr. Swift's work in Boston during the last few months, the writer reaches the affair at the state house, as follows:

After the speeches (at a meeting on the common) an address to the governor and a petition to the legislature were endorsed by the company, which then marched to the state house to present these. The major part waited outside while the address was sent up to the governor; and he was requested, according to notice sent him the previous day, to come out and address the people. This he finally did, calling their attention to the duty of being law-abiding citizens, to the obstacles in the way of relief, and promising to do what he could for them. Some enthusiasm and some displeasure greeted his remarks. As he retired upstairs the crowd attempted to follow, but were stopped by the police. Considerable confusion followed, and the report was soon flying over the country that there had been a riot at the Massachusetts state house. It is probably true, however, that there was no intention of disorder on the part of leaders in going to the state house, and that there was no rioting; but that, at a certain time, owing to a mistaken feeling that their leader was under restraint by the police, the crowd was in a condition

where violence might have been easily precipitated. The result, however, of this visit to the capital by the crowd, and the presentation to the legislature, was the appointment of a joint committee upon the same.

So it seems that the action was that of good citizens approaching their representatives in a perfectly proper manner, and that they secured attention to the representations that they sought to bring to the attention of their representatives. This is a kind of matter that can never find place in a paper like the Capital. If its editors can, in any way, or by any means, succeed in getting a false impression of current events fixed in the minds of its readers, they will never give place to a line, word or syllable, from any source, that may tend to set its readers right.

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